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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE "PRO-FORMA B-2" PROCEDURES FOR US
CITIZENSHIP CLAIMANTS IN PRC

REFS: A) PEKING 313, B) STATE 36716

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DEPT'S
LETTER OF FEB. 11, 1976 TO CONGRESSMAN RONCALIO:

QUOTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 21 CONCERNING
MRS. JUNE LOUIE-WOON'S CLAIM TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP
AND HER DESIRE TO LEAVE THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
(PRC), WITH HER FAMILY, TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT I STATED IN MY LETTER OF OCTOBER 8,
1975 TO YOU THAT OUR LIAISON OFFICE IN PEKING INFORMED US
LAST SEPTEMBER 16 THAT IT WAS SENDING A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO
THE PRC MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ABOUT MRS. LOUIE-WOON'S
DESIRE TO VISIT THE LIAISON OFFICE IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THIS
MATTER. THE CHINESE HAVE NOT REPLIED TO THAT NOTE OR TO
OUR NOTES IN SEVERAL SIMILAR CASES. ALTHOUGH THE CHINESE
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FREQUENTLY DO NOT REPLY PROMPTLY, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THEY

ARE NOT PREPARED TO COMMENT ON THESE CASES AT THIS

TIME.

SINCE OUR EARLIER LETTERS, WE HAVE BECOME AWARE OF SOME ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE, BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER COUNTRIES, INDICATING THAT THE CHINESE AS A GENERAL RULE WILL NOT PERMIT CHINESE CITIZENS WHO ALSO HAVE A CLAIM TO OTHER CITIZENSHIP (I.E., DUAL NATIONALS) TO EXIT THE PRC UNLESS THEY USE PRC TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. THIS IS APPARENTLY BASED ON THE PRC VIEW THAT SINCE IT IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER DUAL NATIONALS IN OTHER COUNTRIES TO BE CITIZENS OF THOSE COUNTRIES, OTHER GOVERNMENTS SHOULD RECIPROCALLY CONSIDER DUAL NATIONALS IN THE PRC TO BE CHINESE CITIZENS AND ADOPT A HANDS-OFF ATTITUDE.

FOR THIS REASON, MRS. LOUIE-WOON MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE THE PRC ON CHINESE DOCUMENTATION. UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, HER CLAIM TO US CITIZENSHIP WOULD NOT BE JEOPARDIZED BY OBTAINING AND USING CHINESE DOCUMENTATION, AND SHE COULD PURSUE HER CLAIM TO US CITIZENSHIP AFTER EXITING THE PRC.

WE ARE REVIEWING THIS GENERAL SUBJECT, AND I SHALL WRITE TO YOU AGAIN IF WE HAVE ANY FURTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR MR. ENG IN HIS EFFORTS TO ASSIST HIS AUNT. UNQUOTE

2. WE HAVE ALSO WRITTEN SIMILAR LETTERS TO RELATIVES OF DAVID CHOW, INCLUDING HIS PARENTS IN HONG KONG. END UNCLASSIFIED

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. RE PARA 3 REFTEL A, DEPT IS STILL EXPLORING PROBLEM MENTIONED PARA 2 REFTEL B. DEPT WILL SEND COMMENTS AND GUIDANCE ASAP. END CONFIDENTIAL. INGERSOLL

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